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November 8, 2010

Mr. Kevin Lettinga, Manager
Walnutdale Farms, LLC
4309 14th Street
Wayland, Michigan 49348

Dear Mr. Lettinga:

SUBJECT: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Permit No. MIG010063
Designated Name: Walnutdale Farms Dorr Twp-CAFO – Allegan County

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) has completed a partial review of the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) submitted with your recent application for coverage under General Permit MIG0190000. Unfortunately, the CNMP submitted did not appear to contain all required item(s). The following item was expected but not identified in the CNMP:

1. There was no section for Inspection or Proper Operation and Maintenance [Page 9; Part I.A.4.b.6)]. There was a section for the waste storage structure inspection requirements and operation and maintenance, however, this did not cover the items required in the above mentioned section.

In addition, the following item was identified where the CNMP outlined practices which are not consistent with permit requirements:

1. On Page 11 of the farm's CNMP, there is mention of dry manure being stockpiled at fields during the winter when it can not be spread. This is not consistent with permit requirements and must be addressed.

DNRE staff spoke with the farm's CNMP Provider, Mr. Jason Stegink, on November 3, 2010, about this CNMP and others. During the conversation there was a discussion about the farm not having six (6) months of storage, which will be addressed in another letter. DNRE staff is aware of the farm's current situation of having few, if any, animals on site due to a fire this summer. Mr. Stegink indicated the farm is in the rebuilding phase and may add more animals than is in the current CNMP. Given the current circumstances the farm is operating under, DNRE staff thought it best to wait to resubmit the revised CNMP until the final animal numbers are known and any other issues can be worked out. The farm will remain under permit coverage as outlined in its current permit.

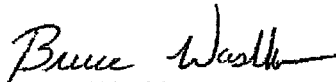
Please keep the District Office up to date and submit a revised CNMP to our office once the final details are decided or by **December 22, 2010**. Partial resubmission of CNMPs may be accepted if there are clear and specific instructions for the placement of the submitted materials in the CNMP. This should include specific page numbers to be added and/or replaced, and an updated table of contents if necessary.

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Also, please be aware that this was only a partial review of the CNMP for compliance with permit requirements. If additional deficiencies are identified in the future, the DNRE may request additional revisions to the CNMP.

Should you require further information or believe that our findings are in error, please contact me at 269-567-3576; washburnb2@michigan.gov; or Department of Natural Resources and Environment, 7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009-5026.

Sincerely,


Bruce Washburn
Kalamazoo District Office
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cc: Mr. Jason Stegink, Green Valley Agriculture, Incorporated
Mr. Mike Bitondo, DNRE